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FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6024  
USMISSION GENEVA  
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E. O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SREF, UG, KE  
SUBJ: GOK ALLOTS 23,000 ACRES FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

REF: NAIROBI 2677 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE IN KENYA THAT OFFICE OF PRESIDENT HAS ALLOTTED 23,000 ACRES OF MARGINAL LAND NEAR THE MID-POINT BETWEEN NAIROBI AND MOMBASA FOR RURAL SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES, GREAT MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE UGANDAN. ACCORDING TO LETTER SENT UNHCR REP BY M.J. NJENGA, DEPUTY PERMSEC OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF GOK'S STANDING COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEES, LAND WILL IMMEDIATELY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO UNHCR.

2. ALTHOUGH NJENGA LETTER STATES THAT FIRST-HAND OBSERVATION INDICATES SUFFICIENT WATER IS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT GROWTH OF MANY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, LAND IS ARID AND PARTS OF IT MAY REQUIRE IRRIGATION AFTER THOROUGH SURVEY.

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3. UNHCR REP EXPRESSED HOPE USG WILL SEE FIT TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT THIS PROJECT LAND. AS SITE IS ALREADY OCCUPIED BY ILLEGAL SQUATTERS, UNHCR REP AND NJENGA HAVE AGREED THAT REFUGEES WILL BE INTEGRATED WITH LOCAL POPULATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOLS AND OTHER SERVICES FOR PROJECT. UNHCR AND GOK ALSO SHARE VIEW THAT NUCLEUS OF SETTLERS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED ON LAND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. USAID/KENYA COMMENT: UNHCR/KENYA REP VISITED USAID/KENYA OFFICES MARCH 16 TO REVIEW STATUS REFUGEE RE-SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY. USAID/KENYA SHOWN LETTER FROM GOK, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, INDICATING ALLOCATION OF APPROXIMATELY 9,500 HECTARES NEAR KIBWEZI, MACHAKOS DISTRICT FOR RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES. UNHCR/KENYA CONCERNED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF RESETTLEMENT ACTION WILL REQUIRE QUOTE OPERATIONAL PARTNERS UNQUOTE. UNHCR/KENYA ASKING WHETHER AID WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING WITH UNHCR (AND PERHAPS OTHER DONORS) IN EITHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SITE OR ITS ADMINISTRATION. USAID/KENYA POINTED OUT IT CURRENT USG POLICY TO CHANNEL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE RESOURCES DIRECTLY THROUGH UNHCR/GENEVA AND ANY DECISION REGARDING AID INVOLVEMENT IN THIS RESETTLEMENT ACTIVITY WAS MATTER OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN AID/W AND UNHCR/GENEVA. BLANE

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